

COMMUNICABLE DISEASES IN CERVIDS STUDY COMMITTEE
Thursday, May 16, 2019, 4:00 p.m., Government Center, Room 270
1316 North 14th Street, Superior, Wisconsin

Meeting called to order by Chair Mary Lou Bergman.

ROLL CALL: Present – Mary Lou Bergman, Peter Clark, Keith Allen (arrived at 4:04 p.m.), Joseph Moen, Scott Luostari. Others present – Al Horvath, Mary Brill, Pat Ryan, Keith Wiley, Mark Liebaert, Quinn Musch, Shelley Nelson, Matt Johnson, Kaci Lundgren, Committee Clerk.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion by Luostari, second Moen, to approve the minutes from the April 18, 2019, meeting. Motion carried.

ANIMAL EFFECTS ON SOIL (DEFERRED FOR FURTHER INFORMATION): Most of the information available is still being studied and not definitive. CWD is considered a protein and is a disease if folded; it can then attach to other proteins and potentially transfer. CWD attaches better to clay soil than sand or other soil types.

PRESENTATION: EFFECTS ON CWD ON SPORTSMEN, TOURISM AND LOCAL ECONOMY (AL HORVATH): 75% of CWD positive deer die within a year. Contribution to state agencies by hunters for 2018 was approximately \$831,391,116; wildlife groups and causes approximately \$440 million. According to an infectious disease expert, the threat of CWD to human health exists. The environment, food supply, plant regeneration, logging, tourism, vehicle/deer collisions, and hunting heritages are also at risk. Emergency transportation rules that currently exist due to CWD will be expiring and are not being reviewed to renew at this time.

ZONING ORDINANCES:

A-1 Agricultural District Issues: Currently, A-1 has no limit on the number of livestock allowed. A limited number of animals can be controlled by a conditional-use permit for a hobby farm.

A-2 Status:

Bonding Requirements: Financial assurance should be required to cover clean-up costs if owner walks away from operation.

Depopulation Plans: Federal requirements should be reviewed so conditions aren't duplicated; carcass disposition needs to be addressed.

Population Density: Number of wild captive game should depend on acreage.

Additional Conditions: Implementing new district would allow more control at local level. Corporation Counsel needs to review district proposal prior to presenting for approval. The following suggestions should be considered, but not limited, to be included in A-2 District requirements: Double fencing; no transportation of animals from

CWD positive farms; inventory of wild captive game; running or standing water concerns; specific areas in county suitable to locate; electronic monitors and/or apron fencing; registration of operation plan.

CWD POSITIVE POTENTIAL ACTIONS: Not enough time left in meeting to discuss.

ACTION: Motion by Moen, second Allen, to refer to next meeting. Motion carried.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: CWD positive potential actions.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Allen, second Luostari, to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 5:41 p.m.

Submitted by,

Kaci Jo Lundgren, Committee Clerk